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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is a Continuation Prosecution Application (CPA) of the application 09/335,129. In the Final Action dated November 9, 2000, the Examiner rejected all the claims pending in the application, claims 1-10, under 35 USC §103 over Freeman (US Patent 5,841,469) in view of Sokal et al. (WO 97/141118). The applicant respectfully traverses the rejections based on the following amended claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 2, 7 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A video conferencing station comprising:

a monitor;

means connected to said monitor for displaying one or more video images from one or more remotely located conferees;

a housing within which said monitor is contained;

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